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Men stabbed, bound, thrown into river to die

Schuylkill. The sole survivor told authorities the three men were abducted by five or six men in a van.

Three men were tortured and thrown into the Schuylkill River early Wednesday, but only one made it out alive.

Homicide Capt. James Clark said a 23-year-old Asian man, who was stripped down to his underwear and bleeding from multiple stab wounds, approached police officers patrolling Martin Luther King Drive around 4 a.m.

Before the survivor was taken to the hospital, he told police that he and his two friends were abducted by about five or six men.

He said they were pushed into the back of a van and taken to the scenic road where their eyes were covered, hands and feet were bound and then they were stabbed multiple times.

The two victims' throats were slit, then all three of the men were dumped into the Schuylkill River.

While his two cohorts were anchored down, Clark said the survivor was not and he floated to the surface. He then climbed out once the abductors fled.

"It's one of the more barbaric murders that I've seen," Clark said.

Police pulled the other two men out of the river and they were pronounced dead at the scene.

Clark said police are not exactly sure where the men were taken from, but he said it's believed they were all picked up from one location.

"The only thing I can tell you is that all three of the individuals were targeted, and through our investigation, we believe it is some type of drug nexus at the crux of this double homicide," he said.

Regarding an Asian gang connection, Clark said it's "possible."

Visit **Metro.us** this weekend for up-to-date details of this case.

Tips

Police are asking that any person with information on the case contact Homicide at:

- 215-686-3334, or text a tip to PPD TIP or 773847.
- A $20,000 reward is on the table for anyone who offers information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

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#BeyGOOD with Beyonce's giveaways

Members of Beyonce's #BeyGOOD and State Bags organizations stopped by the Shane Victorino Boys and Girls Club in Nicetown on Wednesday for a motivational pep rally and to hand out backpacks and other school supplies to area schoolchildren. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Camden

Man shoots, kills wife at hospital

In the third suicidal incident of the year at a South Jersey hospital, a man is in critical condition after shooting and killing his wife at Kennedy University Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey, before turning the gun on himself, according to multiple reports.

This year, a man shot himself at Inspira Medical in Woodbury and a man shot himself in the restroom at Lady of Lourdes in Camden. METRO

Details

Raymond Wychowanec, 63, shot his wife Denise Wychowanec, 62, then shot himself.

- Raymond was visiting his wife, a patient.

West Philly. Victim, 7, testifies at rape trial

The 7-year-old girl who was allegedly kidnapped from her school in January 2013 and tortured for almost a full day before being left in a playground testified in court Wednesday about the ordeal.

The young girl was clear and articulate about the kidnapping by a woman wearing a Muslim kemar. She left with the woman because she thought it was her mother, she said.

She said she was placed in a bag and brought to a house where she was blindfolded and kept under a bed and then in a closet.

But she did not describe the rape that Christina Regusters, 21, is charged with.

"I don't remember," the victim said when asked by a prosecutor if anything bad happened in the house. "I just remember hurting."

The child testified that a girl, a woman, a boy and a parrot were in the house, but she didn't see them.

When the kidnapper didn't wear her kemar into the house, the girl realized it wasn't her mother.

"It was a lady from the day care," she said.

Regusters formerly worked at a day care where the victim was enrolled.

The young girl's mother testified that she met Regusters twice and said, "She approached me about my children."

SAM NEWHOUSE

Background

The girl, 5, was in kindergarten when she was walked out of Bryant Elementary School by a woman in Muslim garb.

- Prosecutors say Regusters acted alone and raped her with an unknown object and left her in a playground the next morning.

Quoted

"She told me about Rashida, and China, and the white man ... I think they were the same person." Victim's mother, on Regusters' alleged multiple personalities

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Local tweet

"And no, I'm not 'coming' to Philly for made in america, I happen to live here"

Nice one @noahbreakfast, can you spare a ticket?

To our readers

No paper Monday, but Friday editions return

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Metro will not publish on Monday, but we will resume our regular publishing schedule on Tuesday. That means Metro will be available Monday through Friday throughout the rest of the year. As you enjoy the unofficial end of summer this weekend, be sure to keep up with all the latest in news, sports, entertainment and everything else you need to know at www.metro.us.

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Made In America back in town

Center City. Expect more than 100,000 to line the Parkway and beyond for Jay Z's third installment.

Sorry — LA who?

Philly hosted the original Jay Z-created Made in America festival in 2012, and its sequel last year. So while it's pretty cute that Los Angeles wants to throw its own version simultaneously this year, we know where the real people party.

About 120,000 people, spread over two days, will be in town.

Almost 50 acts will spread out over four stages this Labor Day weekend on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The festival will open daily at noon and performances start at 2 p.m.

And don't forget to drink your wooder. METRO

The Lineup

Saturday

Rocky Stage (Main)

- Kanye West 10:30-midnight
- The National 8:30-9:30
- City and Colour 7:30-8:30
- Big Daddy Kane 4:50-5:30
- The Neighbourhood 3:15-4
- Cherub 2 -2:45

Liberty Stage

- Steve Aoki 9:30-10:30
- J. Cole 7:30-8:30
- Chromeo 5:30-6:30
- Mayer Hawthorne 4-4:45
- DJ Cassidy 2:45-3:15
- Young & Sick 1:30-2

Freedom Stage

- R3hab 8-9:15
- Baauer 7-8
- Cut Snake 6-7
- Holy Ghost! 4:30-5:30
- Destructo 3-4
- ANEHOLLER 2:15-3

Skate Park Stage

- Glassjaw 6:30-7:30
- Pissed Jeans 5:15-6
- OCD: Moosh & Twist 4-4:45
- Baby Baby 2:45-3:30
- Bas 2- 2:30

Pharrell Williams will play the Rocky Stage on Sunday, before Kings of Leon. / GETTY IMAGES

Sunday

Rocky Stage (Main)

- Kings of Leon 9:30-11
- Pharrell 7:30-8:30
- Spoon 6-6:45
- Awolnation 4:35-5:15
- YG 3-3:45
- Bleachers 2-2:30

Liberty Stage

- Tiesto 8:30-9:30
- Girl Talk 6:45-7:30
- Grimes 5:15-6
- Danny Brown 3:45-4:30
- Kongos 2:30-3
- Vacationer 1:30-2

Freedom Stage

- Gareth Emery 7:15-8:30
- Tommy Trash 6:15-7:15
- 3LAU 5:20-6:15
- Will Sparks 4:30- 5:20
- Penguin Prison 3:40-4:30
- Mimosa 2:50 -3:40
- Bixel Boys 2-2:50
- Noah Breakfast 1:30 -2

Skate Park Stage

- The Menzingers 6:30-7:30
- Man Overboard 5:15-6
- Bear Hands 4-4:45
- Nothing 2:45-3:30
- CRUISR 2-2:30
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Parkway at 20th through Eakins Oval; 21st between Winter & Spring Garden; 22nd between Winter & Fairmount; 23rd between Parkway & Fairmount; 24th between Fairmount & Pennsylvania; 25th between Fairmount & Pennsylvania; Spring Garden between 20th & 31st, including the Spring Garden Street tunnel; Kelly between 23rd & Fairmount; MLK between the Falls Bridge & Parkway; Pennsylvania between Hamilton & Fairmount; 2000 block of Pennsylvania between Whole Foods and 21st; Park Towne Place between 22nd & 24th; I-676 Westbound off-ramp at 22nd. METRO

How to get there

SEPTA bus routes:

- 7, 32, 33, 38, 43, and 48 will be detoured from their normal routes around the Parkway. Detours will be in effect from 10 a.m. Friday through 5 a.m. on Tuesday.

Trolley routes:

- 10, 11, 13, 34 and 36 will operate on Sunday evening. Routes will operate using a normal Saturday/Sunday schedule.

On public transportation:

- SEPTA subway trains will be open all night on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and additional lines will be provided.
- Regional Rail trains will run additional late-night lines on Saturday and Sunday, with trains departing from Center City stations.

Kings of Leon will headline the Rocky Stage on Sunday night. / GETTY IMAGES

Made in America. Here's what you need to know for the show

Philadelphia will be packed to the brim this weekend so make sure to read this handy guide before heading down to the Parkway for the show or if you're going out of town.

Going to miss Kanye and Kings of Leon? Several roads will be closed and SEPTA routes altered so it would be wise to brush up on any transportation issues you may encounter this weekend. METRO

Matt Berninger and his band The National will play on Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

Take it or leave it?

Everyone will be patted-down before entry, and can be randomly searched inside.

You can bring:

- Bag or backpack and sealed plastic water bottle and an empty plastic water bottle. Also bring hydration packs, towels, umbrellas, blankets, towels and sunscreen.

Do not bring:

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Thousands watch Taney parade down Broad Street

The Taney Youth Baseball Association — led by star pitcher Mo'ne Davis, left — celebrated its success at the Little League World Series with a parade through Center City on Wednesday afternoon. Thousands of excited fans lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the team. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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American writer Curtis is thankful for his release

Hostage. Curtis thanked the government of Qatar and U.S. officials for working to free him.

A U.S. writer freed this week after being held captive for two years by Syrian insurgents on Wednesday thanked those who had worked for his release and said he was emotionally overwhelmed by his welcome home.

Peter Theo Curtis, who was held by Nusra Front, al Qaeda's official wing in Syria, said he had no idea while he was imprisoned that there had been hundreds of people around the world pushing for his release.

"I am just overwhelmed with emotion," Curtis, 45, told reporters outside his mother's home Wednesday morning.

Curtis, who was freed on Sunday, said numerous strangers had approached him to welcome him back to the United States.

He declined to answer questions. "I will respond, but I can't do it now," said Curtis, who along with his mother Nancy Curtis raised a U.S. flag at the home before he spoke to reporters.

Curtis arrived in the United States late on Tuesday after a flight from Tel Aviv, meeting his mother at Boston's Logan Airport.

His release comes against the backdrop of other efforts to free other U.S. hostages in Syria as the United States considers possible options, including air strikes, to target the Islamic State organization.

Curtis' ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Steil, said he spoke Arabic fluently and understood the Koran, rare attributes among Westerners who traveled to the region. REUTERS

Peter Theo Curtis makes a statement to the media down the street from his family's home. / GETTY IMAGES

Social media

ISIS executes soldiers, takes hostages at Syria base

Islamic State militants have executed Syrian army soldiers and are holding a group hostage after capturing an air base in northeast Syria over the weekend, pictures posted on social media by supporters showed on Wednesday.

Islamic State, an offshoot of al Qaeda, stormed Tabqa air base near Raqqa city on Sunday after days of fighting with the army that cost more than 500 lives, according to monitoring group the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

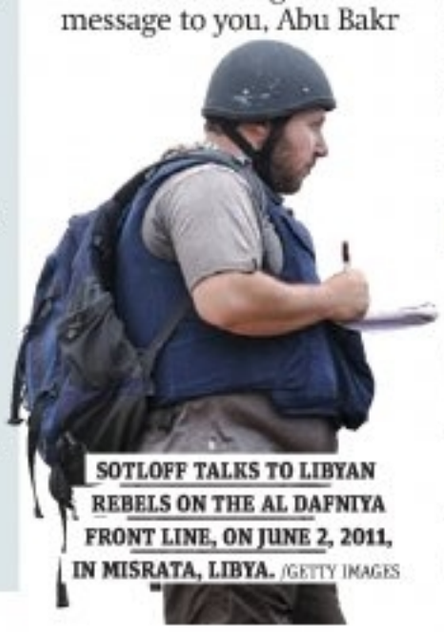
Tabqa was the army's last foothold in an area otherwise controlled by the militants. REUTERS

Captive. Mother pleads to Islamic State leader for her son's freedom

The mother of an American journalist held captive by militant group Islamic State released a video on Wednesday appealing directly to the group's leader for his release.

"I am sending this message to you, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi al-Quraishi al-Hussaini, the caliph of the Islamic State. I am Shirley Sotloff. My son Steven is in your hands," Sotloff said in the video.

Sotloff, 31, went missing in Syria last year. He was seen in a video released by Islamic State last week showing the decapitation of fellow journalist James Foley. REUTERS


SOTLOFF TALKS TO LIBYAN REBELS ON THE AL DAFNIYA FRONT LINE, ON JUNE 2, 2011, IN MISRATA, LIBYA. /GETTY IMAGES

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"I ask you to use your authority to spare his life and to follow the example set by the Prophet Mohammed, who protected people of The Book." Shirley Sotloff

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Legal. Miley Cyrus' awards date wanted on probation violation

Miley Cyrus took Jesse Helt to the MTV Video Awards at The Forum in Inglewood, California. / GETTY IMAGES

The young homeless man who accepted Miley Cyrus' MTV Music Video Award has a warrant for his arrest in Oregon on a probation violation, his probation officer said this week.

Lee Warren, the Polk County probation officer of 22-year-old Jesse Helt, said local authorities were unsuccessful in finding Helt in Salem, Oregon, after his mother told the Oregonian newspaper that Cyrus had given him money to fly home.

Cyrus, 21, opted not to collect the Video of the Year award on Sunday for her hit "Wrecking Ball" and instead sent Helt in her place as a way to draw awareness to youth homelessness.

Helt has had a warrant for his arrest on a probation violation for criminal trespass since November 2011 after he failed to report and comply with probation supervision, Polk County Director of Community Corrections Martin Silbernagel said.

Helt's mother, Linda Helt, told the Oregonian that her son had moved to Los Angeles a few years ago and had been homeless at times.

Court records indicate Helt was arrested in 2010 for criminal mischief and criminal trespass, while a burglary charge was dismissed. He was arrested twice in 2011 for probation violations, according to records.

Cyrus defended Helt and accused the media of ignoring the issue of youth homelessness in favor of his legal issues.

"I hope that this can be the start of a national conversation about youth homelessness and how to end it," Cyrus wrote on Twitter, adding: "While they obsesses over one homeless mans legal issue, lets help the other 1.6 million homeless youth."

REUTERS

Quoted

"I've cleaned your hotels rooms, I've been an extra in your movies, I've been an extra in your life. ... Though I may have been invisible to you in the streets, I have many of the same dreams that brought many of you here tonight."

Helt said at the VMAs

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Lawsuit

Grand Theft Auto maker says Lohan sued to get attention

The maker of the popular Grand Theft Auto video games said Lindsay Lohan's lawsuit accusing it of basing a character on her without permission is frivolous and an effort by the actress to attract attention.

In papers made public this week in a New York state court in Manhattan, Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. called Lohan's claim "so legally meritless that it lacks any good-faith basis and can only have been filed for publicity purposes."

Take-Two wants to dismiss the July 1 lawsuit and have Lohan pay its legal fees.

A lawyer for Lohan did not immediately respond on Wednesday to requests for comment.

The 28-year-old "Mean Girls" star accused Take-Two and its Rockstar Games unit of basing the Lacey Jonas character in "Grand Theft Auto V" on her.

She said Jonas had a similar voice, image and clothing, and was also chased by paparazzi, and that "multiple people" had noticed a resemblance. Lohan's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

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From Texas, where everything is bigger: The 99-pack of beer

Austin Beerworks plans to put its first 99-pack on store shelves this week. / AUSTIN BEERWORKS TWITTER

Distribution.
The company plans to ship about 20 of the massive packs a week.

Beer packaging has just gotten a lot bigger in Texas, where a small brewery is launching a 99-pack of its Peacemaker ale.

The 7-foot pack consists of three rows of 33 cans that tip the scales at 82 pounds and will likely have a retail price of about $99.

"We made it at first as a joke," said Michael Graham, co-founder of the Austin-based craft brewery. But it seems a lot of people are taking it seriously.

Despite the fact that the product is not an easy fit for store shelves, interest has been high among retailers to stock the 99-packs, which are too big for home refrigerators but designed so that once a pack is opened, the beer can be covered in ice. REUTERS

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Gay marriage advocates to urge court to strike down ban

In a bold legal move that few litigants try, gay marriage advocates plan to urge the U.S. Supreme Court in three pending cases across the country to decide once and for all whether states can ban same-sex unions.

Gay and lesbian plaintiffs won before appeals courts in cases involving bans in Virginia, Utah and Oklahoma, and lawyers for those states have already asked the justices to take up their appeals. Lawyers defending the bans contend that the U.S. Constitution gives the states the role of defining marriage.

In what is a relatively unusual strategy, all three sets of challengers have said they want the justices to review the lower court rulings, even though those decisions favored their side by striking down individual state bans.

The parties that won in lower courts do not usually seek review. It is seen as a sign of the plaintiffs' optimism that the justices would side with them that they are joining the appeals.

They will argue that all state marriage bans violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law. One set of plaintiffs in the Virginia case and the challengers in the Oklahoma case filed court papers pressing that point on Wednesday. REUTERS

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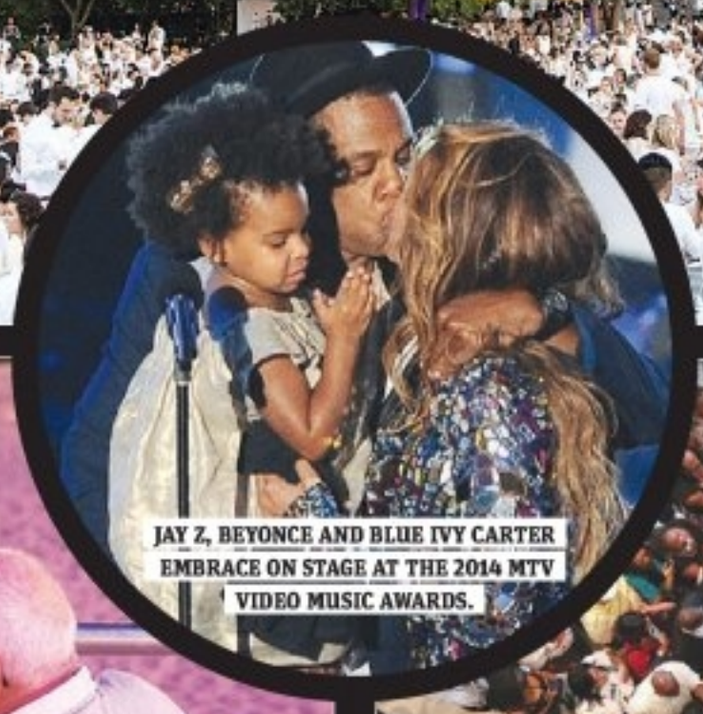

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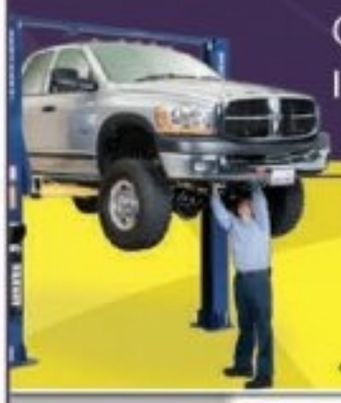

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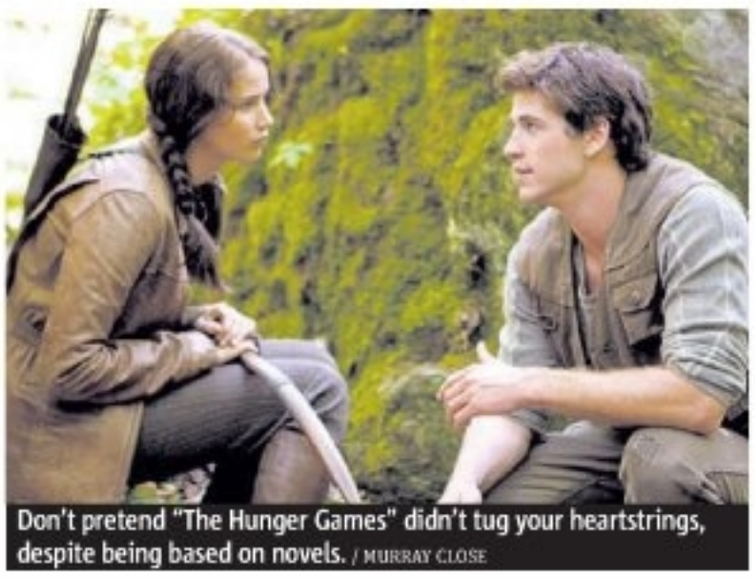
When you need a good cry, do you reach for the movie that's "based on a true story"? Science says you're giving your brain far too much credit.

According to a new study published in the Journal of Consumer Research, it doesn't matter whether the story is inspired by actual events or purely fictional once you've made an emotional investment.

The reverse — going for a novel over a memoir to avoid feeling sad — is also a false assumption, according to the authors from Brandeis and New York universities.

"Consumers may choose to read a tragic fictional story because they assume that knowing it was fictional would make them less sad than reading a less dramatic but true story," they write. "However, the fictional nature does not alter the impact of the tragic story, leaving them more emotionally distraught than if they had read the true story instead."

The only beneficiaries of this self-delusion, the researchers write, are publishers and movie studios willing to back a project simply because it's based on a true story. "However, our results suggest that while emphasizing realism may increase sales, it does not necessarily increase satisfaction," the authors say. EVA KIS



Don't pretend "The Hunger Games" didn't tug your heartstrings, despite being based on novels. / MURRAY CLOSE

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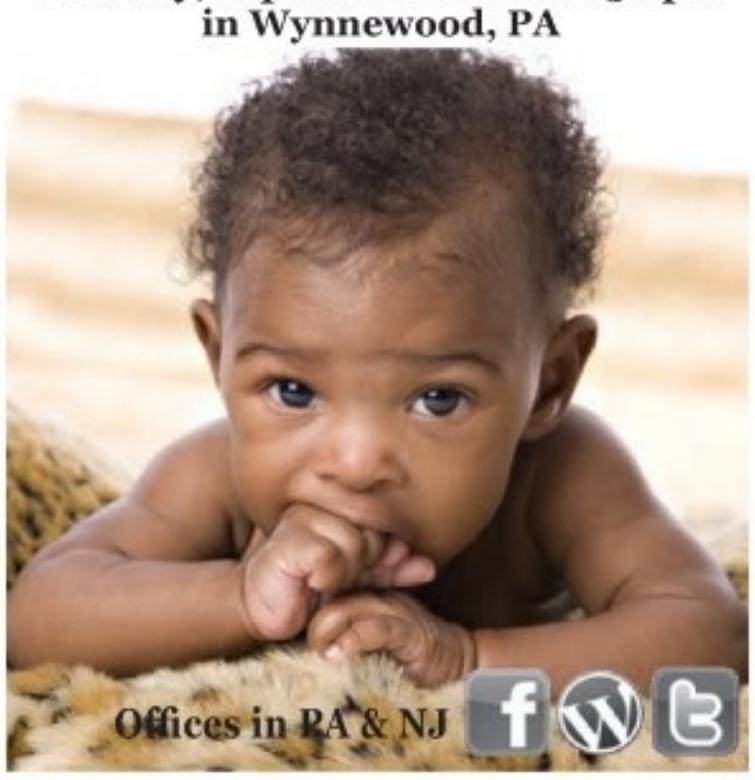

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Who won't see it?

Nov. 21

It's some movie about Jennifer Lawrence doing something, so there's that. But it might even be OK. After a bumpy first, the second 'Hunger Games' series got really interesting and even addictive — and then it stopped, almost mid-sentence, and told you it would see you in a year. This first part of part three will do the same — but it does feature the late Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Summer leaves and movies get good again

"Guardians of the Galaxy" aside, it's been a brutal August at the multiplexes — not a very happy summer overall, neither for audiences nor for the people hoping to make money off them. The fall is traditionally the time when we turn our brains back on and soak up serious and award-gobbling fare. And that's here already, amid the usual piles of sequels, remakes and rehashes. Here are 10 that really stand out. **MATT PRIGGE**

It's not clear what exactly is going on here between Michael Keaton and Edward Norton in the comedy "Birdman." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

1 'Birdman'

Oct. 17

Michael Keaton plays the former star of a superhero movie struggling to intereact with an all-star cast. This struggle potentially includes old-timey boxing with Edward Norton in his undies. The usually more somber Alejandro Gutierrez Inarritu ("Babel") directs this prickly comedy, which was made to look like it was done in one take.

2 'The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby'

Sept. 12

An experimental narrative that will take you three movies and five hours to watch and has nothing much to do with The Beatles, this drama examines a couple's breakup from her side, his side and then the two together. That the couple is Jessica Chastain and James McAvoy (with assists from Viola Davis, Ciaran Hinds, William Hurt and Isabelle Huppert) should make the prospect easier to accept.

3 'Gone Girl'

Oct. 3

Author Gillian Flynn herself adapts her twisty page-turner about an ex-journalist (Ben Affleck) suspected of killing his MIA wife (Rosamund Pike). Much more exciting, it was directed by David Fincher, who may have a chance to really indulge in his comedic side. Then again, this could be another of Fincher's immaculately made adaptations of books fathoms beneath him (like "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"). After all, the novel is really only great in its first half.

"Dear White People" / ASHLEY NGUYEN

4 'Dear White People'

Oct. 17

Racial relations are satirized in this well-titled indie about four black kids at an Ivy League school who are nonplussed to discover there's an African-American-themed party thrown by white students.

5 'Listen Up Philip'

Oct. 17

Jason Schwartzman plays a cranky, jerkish novelist with a very patient girlfriend (Elisabeth Moss) in the latest from Alex Ross Perry, filmmaker of the delightfully grouchy and rough "The Color Wheel."

"Listen Up Phillip" / TRIBECA FILM

6 'Fury'

Oct. 17

Brad Pitt leads a crack team on a quest to kill Nazis during WWII. (Wait, didn't this already happen five years ago?) And yet despite the "Inglourious Basterds"-y premise, this is a different beast, and not only because it features Shia LaBeouf. This will surely keep things closer to real life than Quentin Tarantino's alternate world fantasy. Then again, Pitt doesn't tend to do his best work when playing serious. He's best at comedy, e.g. his Foghorn Leghorn "Basterds" accent.

7 'Interstellar'

Nov. 7

The combination of Matthew McConaughey and Christopher Nolan ought to blow up heads everywhere. Here, they go to space and enter a wormhole for reasons that are being kept fairly close to the chest. Despite the hyper-praise and hyper-criticism Nolan receives, he's an unquestionably ambitious filmmaker who will surely give us something more than a serious twist on "The Black Hole." Then again, Nolan can't do emotion as well as he does smarts.

8 'Foxcatcher'

Nov. 14

This acclaimed drama starring Steve Carell, Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo tells the story of the John du Pont murder, in which a paranoid schizophrenic rich kid (Steve Carell) killed an Olympic athlete. Director Bennett Miller is hot off the cool-tempered "Moneyball," while both Carell and Tatum are both due to show off their serious chops. Of course, Miller also made the naggingly reductive and self-satisfied "Capote."

9 'Inherent Vice'

Dec. 12

No stranger to difficult projects, Paul Thomas Anderson takes on Thomas Pynchon, albeit one of the reclusive author's more accessible works, with Joaquin Phoenix as a P.I. looking for his ex's boyfriend. And did we mention the bewildering big-time supporting cast includes not just Owen Wilson and Benicio Del Toro, but also Martin Short, Joanna Newsom and Jeannie Berlin? That's icing on the cake right there.

10 'Mr. Turner'

Dec. 19

Filmmaker Mike Leigh ("Topsy-Turvy") returns to the past once more for this study of J.M.W. Turner (Timothy Spall), a 19th century sea and landscape painter called "the painter of light" well before Thomas Kinkade actually trademarked the term. Turner wasn't as horrible a person as Kinkade was, but he was grouchy, stubborn, neglected his daughters, took advantage of his adoring maid and spoke largely in musical grunts.

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Everything old is new(ish) again

Here are the season's sequels, remakes, rehashes, comic book movies, etc. **MATT PRIGGE**

Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels act 20 years younger. / HOPPER STONE

"Exodus" is "The Ten Commandments" redux. / KERRY BROWN

Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) looks exhausted. / WARNER BROS.

1 'The Equalizer'

Sept. 26
Type: Movie of a TV show

The '80s show about a mysterious ex-intelligence officer who kills criminals is back, now with Denzel Washington fighting a Russian sex ring. But this is less about nostalgia for a show not too many may remember well than about watching Denzel Washington hurt people again.

2 'Left Behind'

Oct. 3
Type: Remake

Oscar-winner and sometime genius Nicolas Cage stars in a modestly budgeted adaptation of Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins' series about what happens after the Christian rapture. Of course, there already was a cheap film series about these awful books. They had Kirk Cameron. At least Cage will freak out.

3 'Big Hero 6'

Nov. 7
Type: Comic book movie

Instead of going the usual live-action route, the latest Marvel film is actually a cartoon about a young inventor and the giant robot he created to fight crime. The trailers suggest a comics movie that prefers deadpan comedy — including much patient slow burn humor — to thrills.

4 'Dumb and Dumber To'

Nov. 14
Type: Really belated sequel

Holy crap, "Dumb and Dumber" came out 20 years ago? On the one hand, Carrey hasn't done his rubber-faced shtick in awhile. On the other, the trailer suggests they wearily revive a lot of gags from the first. And again: "D&D" was 20 years ago?!

5 'Horrible Bosses 2'

Nov. 26
Type: Unnecessary sequel

It seemed like its own self-contained narrative, but the first one — about three friends (Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudekis) who want to kill their employers — made money, so here's another one, with everyone back but Colin Farrell.

6 'Exodus: Gods and Kings'

Dec. 12
Type: Rehash

The trend of big religious movies gets to the tale of Moses (Christian Bale) leading the Jews from Egypt, done by a director (Ridley Scott) who can think as big as "The Ten Commandments'" Cecil B. DeMille. Then again, Scott also made the surreally dull "Robin Hood."

7 'The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies'

Dec. 17
Type: Threequel

It's only taken three movies and something like nine hours to adapt a 300-page novel aimed at children, but we did it and now we can go home — after a no doubt prolonged battle with a pretty cool dragon (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch).

8 'Annie'

Dec. 19
Type: Rehash

That musical about a plucky orphan (Quvenzhane Wallis) who warms the heart of a rich guy actually named Daddy Warbucks (Jamie Foxx) gets modernized. That's not a crime, but what is a crime is having Foxx apparently spend most of the film with a rug over his character's iconic bald melon.

9 'Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb'

Nov. 19
Type: Threequel

What is actually and perhaps regrettably Ben Stiller's highest-grossing franchise returns again, this time sending his night watchman around the globe for some reason. At least there's the late Robin Williams as Teddy Roosevelt.

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Spy game. The last James Bond sadly fails to get back in action

Ex-007 Pierce Brosnan returns to the spy game to play a former agent lured out of retirement to do a job that doesn't go as swimmingly as he hoped it would.

Pierce Brosnan is back to walking away from explosions in "The November Man." / ALEKSANDAR LETIC

The lowdown

What "The November Man" seeks to do is clear: It's Brosnan's attempt to return to the glory days of James Bond, to start anew, to give Daniel Craig a run for his money. For the record, he's fine in it — and even dark. His ex-CIA man Peter Devereaux — who gets involved in a Russian political plot — is a man of principle, but also a loose cannon. He's a boozer whose past is strewn with profound loss, a careerist whose job is to kill, a man who — in the film's second most bizarre scene — severs an innocent woman's femoral artery just to prove a point.

But he's the only thing here that works right. Nothing else does — not even director Roger Donaldson ("No Way Out," "The Bank Job"). Donaldson can't do much with the screenplay's dose of lame action and geopolitics, which are so stupid even this reviewer could follow them.

This is a cut-rate Bond knock-off, and one that makes the mistake of dealing with the Chechen War. A thriller this frivolous should have nothing to do with the grim realities of war, rape and the ICC, all of which shatter the movie's delicate dumbness.

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Review

'The November Man'

Director: Roger Donaldson

Stars: Pierce Brosnan, Olga Kurylenko

Rating: R

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Bid August adieu with a reissue of Eric Rohmer's brilliant 'A Summer's Tale'

Inexplicably unreleased in America until this summer, Eric Rohmer's 1996 youth drama — the third of his "Tales of the Four Seasons" cycle — takes a typically chatty look at a post-grad (Melvil Poupaud) juggling the semi-affections of three different women over holiday.

Review

'A Summer's Tale'

Director: Eric Rohmer

Stars: Melvil Poupaud, Amanda Langlet

Rating: G

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Melvil Poupaud and Aurelia Nolin try some summer lovin' in Eric Rohmer's "A Summer's Tale." / BIG WORLD PICTURES

The lowdown

Rohmer's style — deceptively plain, long takes of people talking — is easy to mock. Gene Hackman's character in 1975's "Night Moves" infamously described his films as "watching paint dry." But pay attention, and they're endlessly thrilling. Like all of his films, "A Summer's Tale" probes the most mysterious thing on Earth: human emotions.

Strolling from one seaside French town to another, Poupaud's shy, moody brooder nevertheless shuffles through three women. Each is a type: the one who's just a friend (maybe), the bossy one, the flighty one. But within those broad parameters lies endless nuance and shading, each one revealing depths through scene upon scene of chatter. Rather than force anyone to make a choice, Rohmer embraces confusion, as he does with every character, none of whom can be reduced to mere movie types. That Rohmer, who was 76 at the time, has made a G-rated movie about young people, one of whom writes sea shanties, might seem silly, but his findings are both specific and universal. **MATT PRIGGE**

Comedy. Two expert impressionists riff and fine dine again

'The Trip to Italy'

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Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon return as their on-screen sorta-selves for another round of dining and impressions. This one's in Italy, and this time the one who's not very happy and having flings is new father Brydon.

The lowdown: Coogan and Brydon have such a lived-in chemistry that they could conceivably do one of these every year without running out of off-the-cuff goods. The films are more than just inspired riffs, though: They look at middle age and regret. This one doesn't get as down as "The Trip," in part because Coogan (or "Coogan") is now at a slightly more contented place, while Brydon — however low he's feeling — doesn't let even guilt get him down.

Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon are back in "The Trip to Italy." / IFC FILMS

Much more importantly, this is nearly as screamingly funny as the first. Coogan and Brydon even dare to revisit the bit that made them Internet superstars — their dueling Michael Caines — only to take it in another, hysterical direction. Some of the funnier bits aren't impressions, although Brydon does do a killer Hugh Grant. **MATT PRIGGE**

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The "Houdini" miniseries airs two nights starting on Labor Day at 9 p.m. on the History Channel. / COLIN HUTTON

For his next trick, a daring escape

It's magic. Adrien Brody says the true triumph of the Houdini story is his ability to escape his impoverished background.

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Harry Houdini may be one of the more quintessentially American heroes. He was a Hungarian immigrant who invented a new kind of a career for himself in America on his way to fame and fortune; the term "escape artist" didn't exist until he created it. It's this triumph over the odds that drew Oscar-winner Adrien Brody to take on the role of Houdini in the History channel miniseries biopic "Houdini." Of course, it helped that Brody had a childhood fascination with the man.

"I had aspirations to be a magician as a boy and was in awe of magic and Houdini," admits Brody. As an adult, his appreciation of the man is a little more nuanced, as Brody points out that Houdini represents quite a lot to people in terms of "escaping the confines of poverty and the social constraints of being an immigrant and overcoming anti-Semitism and becoming this heroic, all-American celebrity." But as a kid, and for a lot of kids during Houdini's heyday, Houdini was simply a very brave man, proving "you could defy the laws of nature," as Brody puts it.

That said, Houdini's drive and ambition are nearly obsessive to an adult viewer, something that is on full display in the miniseries. Asked whether there is any parallel between his own drive as an actor and Houdini's endless quest to create bigger and better illusions, Brody says, "I share the drive to a certain extent, but not to impress others." (Winning an Oscar at 29 is probably enough validation.)

In the miniseries, Houdini's tenacity is quite a problematic quality for him, but Brody says he thinks it's important to show how much hard work went into this unusual success story.

Magic tricks

Art imitates life

Brody did his best to learn as much as he could about Houdini, saying he consulted with magicians David Copperfield and David Blaine to get their input. He was already partway on the path to being Houdini: "I had a lock-pick set as a kid. I know how to breach a lot of devices and articulate locks." But one of Houdini's skills eluded him: The man could manipulate locks with his toes, a skill Brody attempted but was unable to master.

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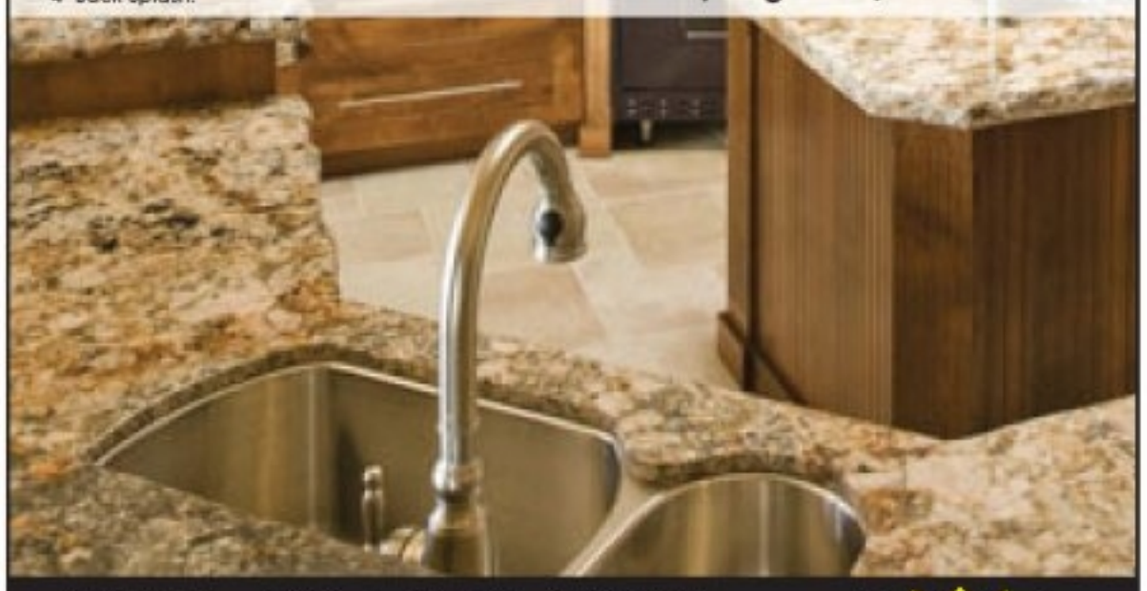

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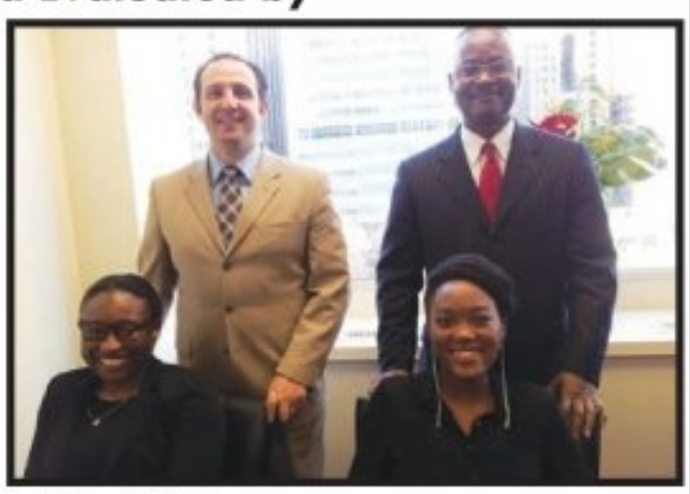

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Festival. The EDM superstar is part of a lineup including Kanye West and Kings of Leon.

Electronic music legend Tiesto is ready to get in touch with his inner Rocky at the third Jay Z-curated Budweiser Made in America festival this weekend on the Ben Franklin Parkway.

"Rocky" is actually the name of a track from his new hit album, "A Town Called Paradise."

"It's a tribute to '80s rock and pop music," he says of one of the few vocal-less tracks on the album.

"I think the '80s were great because people were making simple music," says Tiesto, who is a headliner for Made's Sunday show. "The melodies were simple and the sounds were simple and everything sounded great — it was a very special period in time, very unique. The first synthesizers were used, and electronic music was becoming bigger."

The Dutch-born Tiesto, aka Tijs Verwest, was the first DJ to play a stadium in the early 2000s. He made his name with trance and progressive dance music, but on "Paradise," which has produced the singles "Red Lights" and "Wasted," he's firmly in the pop realm.

"This is the happiest album I've ever made," Tiesto says. "I feel when people want to go out, they want to have a good time. ... When I play happy tracks, everybody's smiling and energetic and it's a party."

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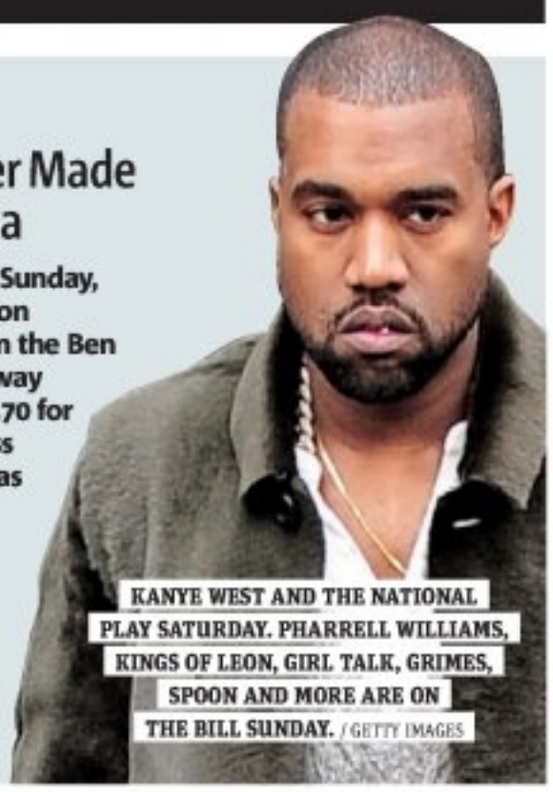

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Also onstage

Local talent

It's not just international acts taking the stage this weekend. Locals including Pissed Jeans and Moosh & Twist: OCD play Saturday, and Man Overboard, The Menzingers, Nothing, Cruisr and Vacationer are up Sunday.

"I'm trying not to think too hard about this because once I start treating it like we're playing to a greater mass of people, it starts to be a different kind of show," says Kenny Vasoli of Vacationer.

Vacationer's retro loungey sound is an alluring breeze, full of the crosswinds. The band latest album is "Relief," released in June.

"Making this music has been very healthy for me," says Vasoli, also the lead singer for the pop-punk band The Starting Line. "It's had a very positive effect on my outlook."

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We can't believe summer's nearly over — did it really even take off? And while we're not ready to part with barbecues in the park or day drinking on Fridays, we'll take solace in knowing there's one aspect of our warm-weather routine that we wont have to give up: wearing soft hues.

Yes, a majority of your fall wardrobe will always consist of black and gray, but this season designers also showed everything from burly furs to mini dresses in pretty shades of pink and lavender. Which means, right about now, stores are stocking their racks with some lighter options for you.

Ralph Lauren showed ponchos in soft shades.
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Hari Backpack in lilac, $348, ASOS.com

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Austrian neurologist and father of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud made this famous statement: "The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my 30 years of research into the feminine soul is, 'What does a woman want?'" If you ask a woman what she wants, her answer will be entirely dependent on highly individualized circumstances: current wants, needs, age, family situation, hormonal status and life experience.

The good news for men, however, is that there are some consistencies. Recent research shows that the top five "wants" of women are, in descending order:

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5 Good income
But this isn't about cash or material possessions. This is really about one thing: security.

4 Physical attractiveness
You can't get away from what makes the other person want/desire you.

3 Intelligence
Mental stimulation and compatibility are critical.

2 Leadership
Women want equality in a relationship, to be sure. But they also want a man to take the lead — in and out of the bedroom.

Down: Women think that their imperfections (stretch marks, extra pounds) make them unattractive ...

Up: Five hundred men interviewed said that if they are really into her, none of those things matter!

1 Love
As social, nurturing creatures, this always tops her list.

But much of this is very general and is still rooted in primal mating rituals. After a relationship has grown, some of the mystery disappears. After surveying and connecting with thousands of women on Facebook, they are spilling the beans on what they want from the men in their lives. This is by no means a complete list, but it has much to be considered.

Women want:

- their partner to talk with them, not at them.
- to vent and discuss their thoughts without a man automatically trying to solve their problems.
- a man to always remember that he's a gentleman throughout a relationship, not just when first dating.

Above all, the most common response has been that women want men to remember that they have their own wants, needs and desires. Women aren't just wives, girlfriends and/or mothers — they are women who want to feel desired as women.

What he's into this week

1

To those women who say, "All men are jerks!" — I think what you mean is that all the men YOU have been involved with are jerks. All men are NOT the same.

2

Some couples can get past an act of infidelity, with some saying that it even made their relationship stronger and more honest. Could you get past an affair?

3

There's a very good reason "Fifty Shades of Grey" is a smash hit ... and men should be paying attention.

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August Oktoberfest

Drink bier

For those of us who welcome all the splendor of autumn, there's the Cannstatter Volksfest, a very early Oktoberfest running for its 142nd year. Hosted by the German-American society Cannstatter Club, this family-friendly fest will offer music, beer and bratwurst, which are the three essential ingredients of happiness. It's going on Saturday through Monday; a three-day pass will only set you back $11.
9130 Academy Rd.
www.cvvphilly.com

Last call for summer

Labor Day. We're shedding a tear for the end of summer.

It's the unofficial end of the season and Made in America isn't the only thing shaking in and around the city. Here's what to do this Labor Day weekend.

Pop into a pop-up

Delaware River Waterfront Corp. teamed up with outdoor experts Groundswell Design Group to bring Philly a new pop-up we've been enjoying all season, Spruce Street Harbor Park. Like all good things that combine beer, food, games and hammocks, this, too, must come to an end — but not quite yet. We just got word that the pop-up has been so popular, it's being kept open for another month, so you can go this weekend and many times more until Sept. 28.
S. Columbus Blvd. between Dock and Spruce streets
DelawareRiverWaterfront.com

Pool party

Wave bye to Revel

Yes, it's true, the shiny monolith at the end of the boardwalk in Atlantic City is closing its doors for good. But there's one more wild party to be had. The weekend includes day and night parties at HQ Beach Club and HQ Night Club, with DJs including Steve Aoki, fresh off his Made in America set in Philly, and Cedric Gervais.
500 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, RevelResorts.com

We'll miss you, HQ Beach Club. / JP AGUSTIN

Check out a free outdoor concert

Fun for the whole family, and at a price we can all agree on, the 40th Street Summer Series will host its monthly outdoor concert Saturday evening. The series spotlights local talent and local retailers, so leave yourself some time to grab food at HipCityVeg and browse for a gem at The Last Word Bookshop before grooving to tunes from Nation Beat, a band with Brazil and New Orleans influences, and bluegrass-ers The Highwater Preachers.
Behind Walnut Street Library at 40th and Walnut streets
UniversityCity.org

Spruce Street Harbor Park has been such a hit, the powers that be are keeping it open an extra month. / M. EDLOW FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

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TALK

The Psychology and Behavior of Cats

Thursday, 11 a.m.
Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine St.
Free, 215-686-5331
www.freelibrary.org
Cats: we love them and we love to share videos of them being adorable and/or strange. But what's really going on, aside from humorous self-absorption, in those tiny heads of theirs? Nathanael Oster, a veterinarian with the Philadelphia Cat Hospital, will share the latest scientific findings — ones we're assuming are significantly more rigorous than the average YouTube cat "experiment."

GALLERY

Lil Sean Day

Saturday, 4 to 11:30 p.m.
PhilaMOCA
531 N. 12th St.
Donation, 267-519-9651
www.philamoca.org
"Lil Sean" Coleman is a creative 12-year-old neighborhood kid who's become something of a mascot at PhilaMOCA. He's so beloved there that they've allowed him to curate a whole day of programming, which includes musical performances, the debut of Sean's film "Undercover Cops" and other delights. Admission is donation-based.

CABARET

A Euro-Kabaret

Sunday, 7 p.m.
L'Etage
624 S. Sixth St.
$10, envoute.magic.burlesque@gmail.com
envoute.wix.com/envoute
Performance troupe Envoute, whose shows mix magic, theater, comedy, burlesque and sideshow elements, present their take on the European climate in the years leading up to World War II — a world of spies, secret police and of course, decadent cabaret spectacles. And it's presented in a genuine cabaret setting, that your time travel may be complete.

'The Children's Hour'

Saturday and Sunday
Randall Theater
2020 N. 13th St.
$5-$10, 800-838-3006
www.brownpapertickets.com
Mauckingbird Productions presents a staged reading of this decidedly edgy 1934 play by Lillian Hellman. It tells of a bitter boarding school student named Mary, who attempts to avoid being sent back to school by accusing her two headmistresses of having a lesbian affair. Hellman based the story on a true incident that took place in Scotland in 1810.

MUSIC

Left of Logic

Friday, 8 p.m.
Boot and Saddle
1131 S. Broad St.
$10, 21+, 877-435-9849
www.bootandsaddlephilly.com
This local band trades the guitar for a keytar, in a move that hasn't been popular since the 1980s, and their synthy sound, though contemporary, definitely has an '80s feel — especially an '80s video game feel. Their secret weapon, however, isn't the keytar but the fuzz-bass, which provides the perfect rough, growling, aggro counterpoint to the chirpy, shimmering synth-tones.

ART

'Begin Where You Are'

Through Sept. 13
Crane Arts
1400 N. American St.
Free, 215-232-3203
www.cranearts.com
This group exhibition brings together 32 Philadelphia-area artists. Its curators aim, through the natural dialogue that results from placing these very different works together in a single space, is to create "a renewed appreciation for the breadth and complexity of our common place." The show also includes three performances; one has passed, but two are still to come in September.

'All Different Colors'

Through Saturday
Fleisher/Ollman Gallery
1216 Arch St.
Free, 215-545-7562
www.fleisher-ollmangallery.com
Works from students at the Center for Creative Works in Wynnewood, the Creative Vision Factory in Wilmington and Oasis in Philadelphia are on display here. Each institution is dedicated to teaching art to people with developmental and behavioral disorders. These diverse works display a vivid expressiveness that attests to the power of art for healing and growth.

ART

Rick Buttari: 'Pencil and Paint'

Saturday through Sept. 27
F.A.N. Gallery
221 Arch St.
Free, 215-922-5155
www.thefangallery.com
Rick Buttari is a realist draughtsman and painter whose assiduous detail, at its most assiduous, can easily be confused with photography. Though he has a skill with portraiture and a fondness for pre-war subjects like baseball players and film noir characters, his most interesting works are contemporary urban landscapes, which he depicts with a serene loneliness worthy of Edward Hopper.

PROVIDED

MUSIC

X

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Trocadero Theatre
1003 Arch St.
$22, 877-435-9849
www.thetroc.com
One of the foundational punk rock acts, Los Angeles' X mix rockabilly and aggressive art-rock to create a sound both bracing and stealthily catchy, marked by their unique male-female vocals. Their depiction of their home city not as a place of Hollywood glitz and glamour but of suburban decay, desperation and anxiety set a precedent for all LA punks to follow.

THEATER

'Juniper Street'

Through Saturday
An unnamed apartment
50th St. and Baltimore Ave.
Pay what you can, redacted@redactedtheater.org
www.redactedtheater.org
This interactive experimental theater piece takes place at a semi-secret location — for tickets and the address, you've got to shoot an email to the address listed above. The story follows the history of a family's dealings with Death, and at one point the actors serve the audience a full-on dinner. It ends with a sleepover party, including a little truth-or-dare. As you may have guessed, given the quirkiness, it's part of Fringe Festival 2014.

PROVIDED

FOOD

Food Truck Festivus

Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.
Franklin Square
Sixth and Race streets
Free, 215-629-4026
www.historicphiladelphia.org
This Festivus sounds way better than the one Frank Costanza subjected his family to on "Seinfeld." Some of the best food trucks in town will offer dinner options galore. Games like volleyball and horseshoes are also part of the fun. Oh, and there's a beer garden, too. If you still want to bring a big metal pole, be our guest, but you'll look weird. **MATTHEW DINARO**

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Letters

Column is no place for personal political opinions

Re: 'Companies revolutionizing the world' (Metro, Aug. 26) I'm starting to get the impression that finance columnist Tim Sykes is nothing but a rich, arrogant conservative jerk!

He brags in his articles about his riches and success (we should all be so fortunate). First of all, he never grew up really poor.

He grew up middle-class in Connecticut, so he had longer bootstraps than the rest of us to pull himself up. I am particularly getting a little put off by his cheap, exaggerated comments against the president.

He was outright deceiving and truth-spinning in this Tuesday's article when he painted a horrible distortion of President Obama.

Sykes said the president condemned the beheading of journalist James Foley and then went right ahead to play a game of golf. The president was not that coldly cut-and-dried about James Foley's tragic death.

Mr. Sykes, you need to keep your political thoughts to yourself, and stick to your personal finance column. And please upload another picture of yourself; that snide little smirk you're wearing in that photo is hardly flattering!

ADAM THOMPSON, VIA EMAIL

Wednesday's answer

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THE SIMMERING SUMMER

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN

My wife went on a trip this week, and I had to take her to the airport so early in the morning I assumed she was part of some secret mission to kill a terrorist.

"Play nice with the other Navy Seals," I said as I dropped her at the curb.

"You're hilarious," she deadpanned. "You know who else is off this week?"

"Who?"

"The mailman," she smirked, hoisting her bag.

Spousal travel aside, D.C. can be surprisingly quiet in the summer with everyone who is anyone jetting away to other places. The president takes off for family time, golfing and possibly some lingering bitterness about Hillary Clinton's book. Members of Congress go home to check in with voters, work their districts for donors and eat barbecue. Lobbyists with nothing else to do sit around Dupont Circle watching the chess players while their suits sag in the heat. And we media types skulk around complaining about the lack of action.

Of course, this won't last. If history is any guide, at least one of those absent members of Congress is at this very moment getting into some kind of trouble with Twitter, bribery, an escort service or possibly all three. The president has managed to keep his stew pot of crises on a low boil, but the heat is undeniably turning up. Within weeks, D.C. will be shuddering amid the thunderclaps of the midterm elections. And pretty soon Capitol Hill, like schools all across the land, will be filled once again with shouting, pushing, shoving, the discovery of new friendships and renewal of old rivalries.

In short, don't expect anything to have changed.

We'll see the same vicious attack ads scrawled like graffiti on a bathroom wall, we'll hear the same unfounded rumors hurled like spitballs, and we media folks will raise the never-changing chorus of autumn: Why must government be this way?

So perhaps we should all enjoy the last, lazy sips of summer while we can. That's what I'm going to do. I mean, after I pick up my wife at the airport — and the mail.

CNN=POLITICS

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Horoscope

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you are ambivalent about your current career, look into other options. It's never too late to change your direction and go after a dream.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You might be feeling uncertain about a situation at work. If immediate action isn't necessary, focus on doing the best job possible. Keeping busy will help free your mind from worry.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Don't let anyone push you to make a hasty decision. Take all the time you need to investigate the details of a pending financial or medical matter.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Your popularity is growing within your peer group. Don't take any of your relationships for granted, or the tables will turn. Nurturing what you have built with others will always be necessary.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Don't listen to someone who is cynical. Once you have decided the best route, keep moving forward. It's pointless to wait for everyone's blessings.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Make sure that everyone around you is clear about your intentions. Your insight will inspire others to follow you, giving you the support required.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You are a dependable and dedicated person, but it's also important to take time to replenish and rejuvenate. Don't take on demands.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. A hasty decision could turn out badly if you haven't checked your sources. Check to see if someone with ulterior motives has misled you.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Procrastination will be your downfall. You have decided on your direction, so don't waste time second-guessing your moves. Take the plunge and get on with your life.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You don't have to blow your budget to enjoy some lively entertainment. Love and romance are knocking at your door. Make plans.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Your opponents will not give an inch. Instead of stepping into the spotlight where it is easy for others to criticize your actions, keep your ideas quiet until your presentation is flawless.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Good advice is useless if you don't take it. Listen to the experts to discover a way to overcome anything you face. A delay could cause trouble. EUGENIA LAST

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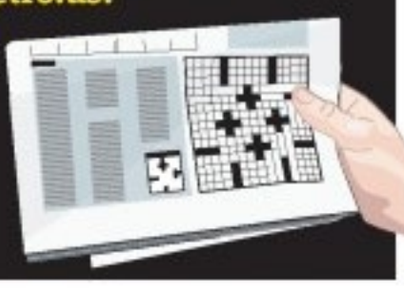

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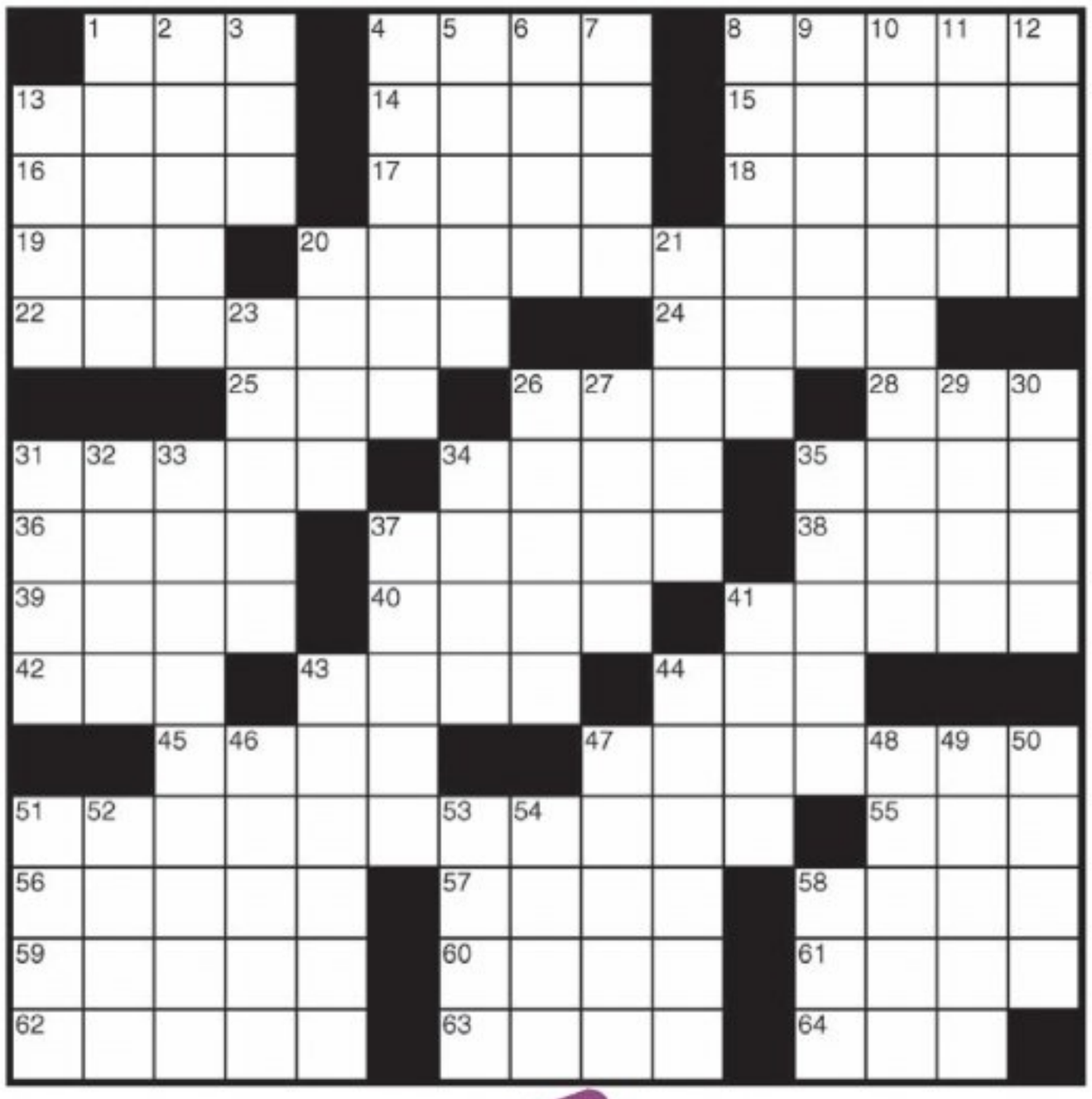

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Jalen Fitzpatrick, WR

If Walker's going to repeat his success of last season, he'll have to look to Fitzpatrick in the passing game. The senior hauled in 38 catches for 429 yards and three touchdowns last season. He's expected to serve as the team's No. 1 wide receiver, with junior John Christopher serving as Temple's No. 2. They'll need to replace the production of Robby Anderson, who left Temple for academic reasons in the offseason.

5 Owls to watch for this season

NCAA. Temple is ready to compete in its second season in the AAC but will have to deal with SEC foe Vanderbilt in their opener Thursday night.

The Owls embark on their 2014 campaign Thursday night against Vanderbilt. After a disappointing 2-10 season last season, the team looks to show improvement under second-year coach Matt Rhule as they lean on a few players who can potentially bring the program some more wins this season.

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P.J. Walker, QB

Walker is Temple's best player on the offensive side of the ball. As a freshman last season, he threw for 2,084 yards and 20 touchdowns with just eight interceptions and rushed for another 332 with three touchdowns. His 151.5 passer rating was ranked 22nd in the country. He started the last seven games for the Owls last season and is also a candidate for The Manning Award, named after legendary quarterback Archie Manning. The list includes 32 of the best quarterbacks in the nation going into the upcoming season.

P.J. Walker, just a sophomore, will lead the Owls' offense in 2014. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tyler Matakevich, LB

Tyler Matakevich

Where Walker is undoubtedly Temple's biggest threat offensively, Matakevich is the Owls biggest threat on the defensive side of the ball. Matakevich led the nation in solo tackles last season with 99 and has 237 total tackles the past two seasons. Rhule expects a lot from him.

"He's a leader, he's tough, he's physical, he represents what we want to represent," said Rhule. "Players around him respond to him. He has the physical tools, the mental tools and the intangibles — the instincts, the feel for the game — that are hard to find."

Jim Cooper, K

It seems like forever ago that kicker Brandon McManus finished his career with the Owls as the team's all-time leader in points scored (338), field goals made (60) and field goals attempted (83). The 2012 graduate was traded Tuesday to the Denver Broncos, but it's the Owls who could desperately use his services again. The kicking department was not pretty for the Owls last season.

They converted on just three of nine attempts on the season, three of which that came from sophomore Jim Cooper who's expected to be the starter against Vanderbilt.

He'll need to prove himself worthy of the job against the Commodores or else freshman Austin Jones or junior Tyler Mayes could potentially steal his job.

Kyle Friend, C

Junior center Kyle Friend will have a tough assignment this season — leading an offensive line that's implementing four new starters this season. Friend is considered one of the best at his position in the AAC and will look to protect Walker at all costs next season. Walker was sacked 23 times in only seven starts. ECU's Shane Carden was sacked the most in the AAC with 29.

"He's big, strong, fast and extremely intelligent," Rhule said of Friend. "He keeps everyone on the same page."

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Bird's-eye view

Eagles vs. Jets: Three things to watch

The final preseason game isn't good for very much. It gives the second and third teams a chance to get into sync, and gives fringe players one last chance to make the Eagles roster when it cuts down to 53. But it's still an NFL football game, and here are three reasons to tune in on Thursday at 7 p.m.:

1 Vick is back
This time last year, Michael Vick was the Eagles' starting quarterback and was on the sidelines rooting on the Birds in their fourth preseason game. This year, after swapping places with Mark Sanchez, he's fighting for playing time with the Jets. "I had a great run there with a lot of great memories and accomplished some things that can never be taken away from me, Vick said, reflecting back. "I'm ecstatic about that, thankful and very grateful."

VICK RETURNS TO PHILLY FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER FIVE SEASONS WITH THE EAGLES. GETTY IMAGES

2 Running backups
The Eagles still have no bona fide backup for LeSean McCoy and Darren Sproles at running back. Chip Kelly brought in Kenjon Barner, a former Oregon Duck last week and he will likely get a lot of reps against the Jets Thursday. Chris Polk is still dealing with a hamstring injury, giving Michael Tucker, whose been impressive thus far, a golden opportunity to make the 53-man roster. Henry Josey can also crack the squad.

3 Battle for receiver
There are some locks at wide receiver — Jeremy Maclin, Riley Cooper, Jordan Matthews and Josh Huff. But most of these men have shown they are at the very least, injury prone. The Eagles will be paying close attention to their crop of wide receivers who are vying to make the team, as any one of them could wind up getting serious reps during the regular season if something were to happen. Keep an eye on Brad Smith, Jeff Maehl, Arrelious Benn and of course Ifeanyi Momah. They are all likely battling for one last roster spot. **EVAN MACY**

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE PRESEASON

Antonio Gates caught just four touchdown passes in 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

Bashing the NFL's preseason has become so cliche. Yes, it's true that the scores and stats mean very little. But the way players are used means a ton.

The third set of exhibition games, which went down last weekend, is the dress rehearsal week. We were able to see the first-stringers play an entire half or more, and were therefore able to draw some conclusions about depth charts and regular-season usage:

Gates won't die

Philip Rivers played 19 snaps on Sunday, and Ladarius Green was on the field for just five of them. Antonio Gates started, was the man in single-TE formations and ended up with 17 snaps. So we have some playing time concerns for Green, and we also have the same usage concerns as we did in 2013 when the freakish athlete was used as a blocker so often. Green has played on 30 snaps with Rivers so far this preseason, yet has only been thrown to three times.

'Dre Day

Andre Ellington has a shaky injury history from his Clemson days and is hovering around 200 pounds. Yet the Cardinals clearly want to use him as their workhorse. He stayed on the field for 26-of-29 first-team reps Sunday night, getting the call on all early downs, some third downs and even splitting wide a few times. It's the same way he was used in the first two preseason games. If the explosive Ellington can survive, he's a near lock for 300 touches and a bunch of big plays.

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Philly-area native

Lisa Raymond has been competing in Grand Slam tennis events for almost 20 years. / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. Open. Lisa Raymond, 41, already has a trophy room full of Grand Slam hardware, but that won't keep her from competing on tennis' biggest stage.

Norristown native and Philadelphia Freedoms director of player personnel Lisa Raymond has won 11 Grand Slam titles (six in women's doubles, five in mixed doubles) and has won more than $9 million dollars in her career.

At age 41, the hard-nosed Philadelphia-style athlete continues to play at the game's highest level, as demonstrated by her U.S. Open doubles match Wednesday afternoon.

Through the years

Lisa Raymond began her career playing high school tennis in Norristown before winning back-to-back singles titles at the University of Florida.

- Raymond has won a doubles title at the Australian Open (2000), the French Open twice (2003, 2006), Wimbledon three times (1999, 2001, 2012) at the U.S. Open five times (1996, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2011) .
- She took a bronze medal at the London Olympics in 2012.
- In April she joined Philadelphia's World Team Tennis team, the Freedoms as the director of player personnel. With the Freedoms she works alongside owner Billie Jean King.
- Raymond has won doubles' titles alongside legends like Lindsay Davenport, Martina Navratilova and Rennae Stubbs.

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Before leaving for Flushing, New York, Raymond took a few minutes out of her busy schedule, after a trip to Wimbledon a few weeks ago to talk to Metro about her hometown, her career and the future of American tennis.

You have a long and impressive list of accomplishments, which one do you take most pride in?
I don't think I've done a ton of reflection. When I won that bronze medal in London in 2012, that could have been — if not the — one of the two or three greatest moments of my tennis career. Those moments, you realize the older you get that they don't happen very often. You cherish them.

Even though it wasn't a deep run, it has to be a thrill to be able to keep competing at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.
Every time I walk on the grounds at Wimbledon I know what a privilege it is and how lucky I am to still be doing it. But having said that, I'm an ultracompetitive person. I've never been one who just wants to play a tournament. When I show up to play a tournament I do it to contend, to win a title. It can be bittersweet. It's great that at my age I can still do something I love to do and have this career, but I don't want to just show up and play.

There is a shortage of competitive Americans on the world stage, at least in the big events. What do you attribute that to?
It could be cyclical. It's more of a growing period for American tennis. But you have someone like Madison Keys who is knocking on the door of the top 25 in the world, and she's certainly the future of American women's tennis.

It goes in cycles. We were very spoiled for a long time with all the great champions we have.

There may not ever be another era with [all-time great players like] Monica Seles, Lindsay Davenport, Jennifer Capriati and the Williams sisters.

Is that one of the reasons you are involved with the Freedoms, to help the sport grow?
Obviously being from Philly I have played for them for several years. I am very close with Billie Jean King, the owner of the Freedoms. When I was approached to take a behind-the-scenes role with them, I jumped at it. In the future I'd love to be a part of drafting and finding players for the Freedoms. To help them find and pick their roster as well as help out on site, with sponsors and getting the word out. ... I think the goal would be for, in Philadelphia, for the Freedoms to be right up there. You have the Sixers, the Flyers, the Phillies and Eagles, and then the Philadelphia Freedom.

What is it like growing up in the Philadelphia area, working to become a pro tennis star?
I will say at the end of the day, Philadelphia fans love winners. They don't put up with losing very easily. And it's something that influenced me. I am very competitive and I won't go out and just pick up any kind of sport unless I have taken lessons and know I can compete. I think it's probably the whole Rocky mentality. It's in a lot of us and it's about getting down and dirty and to win at all costs.

Top of the world

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Raymond was twice ranked No. 1 in the world for women's doubles — at the end of the 2001 and 2006 seasons.

Union keep rolling

Wenger finally producing for Union offense

Wenger has become a valuable piece for the Union. / GETTY IMAGES

It hasn't been the production that they'd hoped for when they acquired forward Andrew Wenger in a trade for Jack McInerney back in April, but last Sunday proved as an example of what they're hoping he can provide for the team the rest of the season.

Wenger struck twice in a 4-2 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes (6-7-1) as the Union (7-9-9) sit just three points out of third place in the East.

Manager Jim Curtin hopes that mentally his two-goal performance will give Wenger determination moving forward.

"He's a special player who just needs confidence," Curtin said. "And a night like [Sunday] certainly gives a guy confidence. He's really learned how to play the position. It's been a little unique for him to be out wide on the wing, but he's starting to grasp some of the defensive responsibilities and that's leading to his goals."

It was the first time in Wenger's career that he was able to net two goals in one game. Through his first 18 games with the Union, he only found the back of the net twice.

"I'm enjoying it," Wenger said of his Man of the Match night. "With the pass or shot, I'm trying to be a little bit more precise there at times. That's where the challenge is."

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